

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Thomas J. Shaw  
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Examiner : MacNeill, Elizabeth R.  
For : RETRACTABLE SYRINGE ASSEMBLY DESIGNED  
FOR ONE USE  
Docket No. : 575329.77432 (formerly 75329.77432)

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, and is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of the response period and authorization to charge Deposit Account 12-1781 for the fees required for the extension and the new claims presented herein. As amended, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 3.

**Remarks** begin at page 21.